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LEBANESE "PATRIOTIC-FORCES" DEL

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(BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED). SUMMARY: JUNE 18 PRAVDA ACCOUNT
OF MEETING BETWEEN CC CPSU REPRESENTATIVES AND
DELEGATION OF LEBANESE "NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC" FORCES
PLAYS STANDARD M.E. THEMES, BUT GOES ON TO CALL FOR
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF LEBANESE PROBLEM ON BASIS OF
BROAD NATIONAL AGREEMENT. COMMUNIQUE-LIKE ACCOUNT
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ALSO OFFERS SUPPORT TO EFFORTS OF LEBANESE AUTHORI-
TIES TO DEAL WITH SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. JUNE 18 PRAVDA CARRIES COMMUNIQUE-LIKE REPORT OF
MEETING AT CC CPSU BETWEEN CANDIDATE POLITBURO
MEMBER PONOMAREV AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF CC CPSU
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT KAREN BRUTENTS

ON THE ONE HAND AND LEBANESE "NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC" FORCES DEL ON THE OTHER. MEMBERS OF LEBANESE DEL, IN ADDITION TO DEL LEADER F. DJEBRAN (REF A) ARE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: ZH. KHAUI, A. MANSUR, M. IBRAHIM, R. FARKHAT, AND A. SAADE (ALL PHONETIC).

2. MEETING, SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A WARM, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, PRODUCED FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

--LEBANESE DEL EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR SOVIET SUPPORT IN LEBANON AND IN ARAB WORLD IN GENERAL AND CRITICIZED ANY FORM OF "ANTI-SOVIETISM".

--TWO SIDES CONDEMNED SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DEALS - "UNDER AEGIS OF U.S." AND PRAISED CREATION (BY PROGRESSIVE STATES AND THE PLO) OF THE STEADFAST FRONT FOR OPPOSITION TO "CAPITULATIONIST POLICY."

--THE SIDES CONDEMNED ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON AND DEMANDED COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE, AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS.

--CONVICTION WAS EXPRESSED THAT SOLUTION OF LEBANESE PROBLEM CAN BE FOUND BY "PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC MEANS ON BASIS OF BROAD NATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATION OF DIFFERENT SECTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE POPULATION - MOSLEM AS WELL AS CHRISTIAN ..." PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR "EFFORTS OF LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES" TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

--SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES - "STRUGGLING IN BROTHERLY UNITY WITH THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT" - AGAINST INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY CIRCLES. (END UNCLASSIFIED).

(BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE). 2. COMMENT: THOSE ARAB SOURCES WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT PROFESS IGNORANCE OF THE DETAILS OF THIS VISIT. ONE SOURCE SAID THAT DJEBRAN WAS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF JUMBLATT'S SOCIALIST PROGRESSIVE PARTY AND THAT HE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A MODERATE, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS FROM OUR FILES. WE NOTE THAT THE LANGUAGE CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ON A BROAD NATIONAL BASIS TO THE LEBANESE PROBLEM IS SIMILAR TO LANGUAGE IN THE JULY 10, 1976 DECLARATION ON LEBANON BY THE AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY

COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH IT OMITTS THAT DECLARATION'S
CRITICAL REFERENCE TO "OUTSIDE (I.E., SYRIAN)
INTERFERENCE (REF B, PARA 5). WHAT DOES
APPEAR TO BE NEW, AND, ON THE SURFACE, HELPFUL IS THE
STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE LEBANESE

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3. AS YET, WE HAVE NO INSIGHT INTO THE PALESTINIAN
ANGLE DURING THIS VISIT, BUT WE NOTE THE FAVORABLE
REFERENCE TO THE PLO AS ONE OF FOUNDERS OF THE
STEADFAST FRONT AS WELL AS TO THE JOINT STRUGGLE
OF THE LEFTIST AND THE PALESTINIAN FORCES. MATLOCK

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